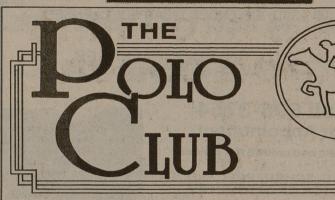
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TDC officials: Unsafe arena forces close of prison rodeo

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Prison Rodeo, a half-century tradi-tion billed as "The Wildest Show Behind Bars," Monday bit the dust, perhaps permanently, according to the chairman of the state prison

The rodeo, held in October, is economically self-sufficient, but the arena in which it is held needs \$800,000 worth of repairs.

The state won't pay for the repairs, and private donations amounted to \$29,000.

"Obviously, the state doesn't want to fund this type of money," board chairman Al Hughes said. So at this time I would say the ro deo will just continue to be on hold.

"Unless there's some financial angel that comes along and wants to see a rodeo worse than we do, that will be the end of the Texas Prison

The event, featuring convict cowboys who competed for cash, was first held in 1933 on the site of the present arena, which holds 26,000 people. Money raised by the rodeo went into funds that bene-

James Lynaugh, Texas Department of Corrections director, said structural engineers determined the arena is now unsafe because of rusty reinforcing bars in its con-

He said the \$29,000 in donations would be returned or used for other purposes.

"It probably doesn't serve any purpose for corrections," Lynaugh said of the rodeo, adding, however, that some inmates and TDC workers would miss the event.

The rodeo has been variously praised as good recreation and criticized as unnecessarily dangerous.

"It doesn't have anything to do with corrections. It's old-time history and policy and tradition, and from that standpoint I hate to see it Hughes said after Monday's prison board meeting.
"But if anything, it took away from us doing the job we have to do

today. Anytime you take staff to plan and work on various things it takes away from the job," he said.

There is no chance that state funds ever would be used to revive the rodeo, Hughes predicted. "I don't think the board would want to spend money for that. I believe it would be a clear indication to the courts that we're not serious about taking care of our problems,"

What's up

Monday

AGGIES FOR JACK KEMP: will sponsor an information ble from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center

Tuesday

CO-OP ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder. VOCAL MUSIC OFFICE: invites all those interested to juthe Summer Singers at 6 p.m. in 003 MSC.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: will hold a peanut-butter fellowship at 11 a.m. outdoors, south of the Academi

Wednesday

TAMU SAILING CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder. Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three working days be fore desired publication date.

Expert calls 'logjam' of bills ending session deceiving to voters

By Alan Sembera Reporter

Although the Texas Legislature has one of the biggest end-of-session bill logjams in the nation, legislators have their own system to divide the workload evenly over the entire ses-

Dr. Harvey J. Tucker, a political scientist at Texas A&M, says voters tend to make hasty conclusions about how the Legislature operates.

'The reason people have portrayed the Legislature as congested is that they take a look at when bills are passed into law," Tucker says.

About 80 percent of the bills passed in the session were passed in the last two weeks, he says. This fact

contributes to the misconception that the end-of-session bill logjam leads to hasty consideration, confusion and inferior legislation, he says. "Bills are not isolated," Tucker

says. "They interact with each other. Bills are not independent. You have to consider them all together. "What the Legislature is doing is taking these ideas and throwing out the bad ideas and then working with

the better ideas. As long as it's eliminating ideas early in the session, toward the end of the session, it has just the good ideas.

"It turns out that an overwhelming proportion of bills that are still alive in the last two weeks are passed into law Tucker has completed a study of

In his study, Tucker broad the scope from looking only a decisions on bills passed and cluded all decisions on all bills.

The legislative session, can be divided into three di riods of activity: a period of bthe legislative agenda of bills, tial period of clearing the a and a period of accelerated de of the agenda.

The agenda-building period sists of the first 60 days of the sion, he says. During this there are no restrictions on bil mitted by legislators. Tucker that 90 percent of all bills wer mitted in this period, but only six percent of all bills had im tion taken on them.

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Final action on a bill occurs it is passed, not passed or killed committee or subcommittee.

During the initial agendad period, from the 61st day of sion to the 126th day, bills cleared from the agenda at a even pace, Tucker says.

An average of 37 bills of cleared on each working day of period, he says, and less than 25 cent of those were passed. Mo the others were killed in comm

or subcommittees, he says.

During the accelerated age clearing period, the last two we have a say the say in a large state. the session, bills were cleared rate of 92 per day, he says. I regular session of the Legislature, which met in 1985.

the 69th the bills were passed, he say, most of the others died in the of committee.

School for Texas principals star at A&M with look at techniques

By Gina Goetz

Reporter

Many Texas principals headed back to school Sunday for another round of hitting the books. The annual Principals' Center Summer Academy is being conducted this week, and offers principals a look

at new techniques and an in-depth look at current educational legislation. Dr. David Erlandson, head of the Department of Educational Administration, said that he feels principals play an important role and that his department's nationally recognized program offers principals an excel-

lent opportunity to improve their craft.

"We've tried to take the principal and tried to give that person a feeling of mastery of what he or she is doing," Erlandson said. "We want to make that person feel that he or she is in control."

Erlandson has used the experiences he gained while a junior high school principal in Illinois to try to improve the school system by supporting and encouraging "Of all the positions I have had, this is the one I felt was the most important," Erlandson said. "It seemed I

The Principals' Center was established in 1985 to support Texas elementary and secondary school princi-pals through training, assistance and research. Each summer, principals from around the state at-

was having the most effective work as a principal."

tend a week-long session on the A&M campus.

Each participant attends classes and seminars through Friday. During two of these days, all partici-

ticipate in one of four programs that focus on exp ing administrative ideas and exploring roles. The Management Profile Program is designed in

pants examine possible future directions in educati

During the three remaining days, the principals

low the principals to evaluate strengths and weaked in their management skills. The administrator's "management profile" is a tured in a 30-minute videotaped interview that last assessed. The principals receive recommendations

strengthen their skills.

The Wellness Program offers healthy activities strategies for better living. It focuses on the concept wellness, a thorough fitness evaluation and the decomment of an action plan for the local campus. "This program pays off for the school districts in it," Erlandson said. "By getting this program going, there is less absenteeism and it helps the admissionary feel good."

istrators feel good.' The New Principal Program is designed to meet needs of the rookie administrator. The participal work with experienced and successful principals to tain insights into the profession and to discuss the egies involved in becoming a successful administra "We're just shepherding the new into the p

spectrum, we're looking at the good, experienced p These experienced principals may choose to propose in the Mentor Program. This program principals an opportunity to share and discuss leadership skills as well as their administrative programs.

sion," Erlandson said. "But on the opposite end

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